GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Atrocities against STs
Kalvakuntla Smt. Kavitha

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been any cases of atrocities against the Scheduled Tribes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Telangana; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for delivering justice to the affected tribals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a): As per the information received from National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs a total of 6,826 cases of atrocities against STs [include cases reported under the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) (Prevention of Atrocities) Act along with various section of IPC] were reported in the country during the year 2014.

(b): The State/UT-wise (including Telangana) details of cases reported, cases charge sheeted, cases convicted, persons arrested, persons charge sheeted and persons convicted under atrocities against person belonging to Scheduled Tribes during 2014 is enclosed at Annexure-I

(c): The provisions of the SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 are implemented by the concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Central assistance is provided to them mainly for functioning and strengthening of the SC and ST Protection Cell, Special Police Stations, setting up of exclusive Special Courts, relief and rehabilitation of atrocity victims and awareness generation. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has also been addressing States/UTs from time to time to implement provisions of the Act in letter and spirit, with specific emphasis on setting up of exclusive special courts for speedy trial of cases, sensitization of investigating officers, mass awareness programmes, review of cases ending in acquittal. A Committee under the Chairpersonship of Union Minster for Social Justice & Empowerment which was constituted in the year 2006, also periodically reviews implementation of the Act in State/UTs. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also issued advisories to States/UTs in this regard, as primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime lies with the State Govts./ Union Territory Administration as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India.

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